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REMOTE- CONTROLLED DEVICE

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Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-145140, together with an English language Abstract and partial machine-translation of the same.

Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Patent No. 3445986, together with an English language partial machine-translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 12 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-052093, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family members U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0038730 and European Patent Publication No. EP 1 416 759; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-052082, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family members U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0172136 and European Patent Publication No. EP 1 416 760.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

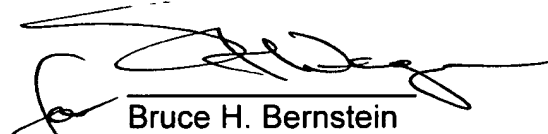
Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	1	English Language Abstract of JP 2001/145140.
	2	English Language Abstract of JP 2003-52093.
	3	English Language Abstract of JP 2003-52082.

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